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July 3, 1928

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson  
c/o First Presbyterian Church  
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Stew:

That was a fine letter you sent to Gardner Jackson and I think ought to bring some good results. It put things in a nice way and ought to enlist his interest. It certainly would be splendid if he would take hold of this matter and would give just the finishing touches to those department rooms which will mean so much in the way of attractiveness.

You certainly have been splendid in every way in this whole matter and when the building is done and equipped and the work is under way, you can contemplate it with great joy because of the leading part which you have had in the achievement of it.

You have done a big piece of work in these last few years in every way. Much of the good accomplished is evident now but the full results will not be apparent except as they manifest themselves in the years to come.

It was a fine thing for Lockport and the First Church when you came here -- to say nothing of all that it has meant in a personal way to the inhabitants of 197 Pine St.

With the hope that the coming years may be even richer and fuller and more blessed and with every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Rogers', is written over the typed name 'E. Albert Rogers'.

EAR/W



DENTON MASSEY

915 KING STREET WEST

TORONTO

July  
Fourteenth,  
1928.

Dear Stewart:

Your very cheery letter of the other day was most welcome. I appreciate ever so much its kind contents. You were very good to spend the time to look over a rather mediocre piece of work which nevertheless meant a great deal to me. I sent it along to you knowing you well enough to feel that you would give me a frank statement of your opinion, which is just what I want. With my lack of training in the type of work I am doing, I feel greatly the need of criticism in order that I may try to improve as the days go by.

We are all so glad to know that the family is doing well. It must be very nice indeed to have them both home. Please give lots of love to Ann from us all.

By the by, you have heard me speak so much of friend Boynton Merrill down in Boston. It is quite possible that he may pop up to Toronto for a day or so this summer, and if so, I would be awfully happy if you could come over while he is here, so that he could meet you and you him. I think you would enjoy each other.

I am glad to know that the Sunday School is progressing so well. I know what a kick it will be when you move into it. It certainly is a gorgeous place.

I must run along now, so will

DENTON MASSEY

915 KING STREET WEST

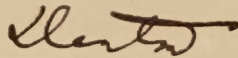
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cease rattling for the time being.

As always with best regards to  
our friends in Lockport, particularly to  
Ann and yourself,

As ever,



P.S. The great event is scheduled for  
five weeks from today. You have a very  
good idea just how I feel.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,  
50 Spruce Street,  
Lockport, N. Y.



July 19th 1928.

Mr. Denton Massey,  
915 King Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Denton:

It would be a great pleasure to meet Boynton Merrill. If you like him, he must be worth while. I have had many pleasant experiences with your friends. Just now the prospects are that we will be away from town during August. I think we will treat my Father and Mother to an inrush of their relatives down in the Catskills where they have their home. It will be quite a procession that will wend its way into the "old homestead". Luckily it is a fine large old house so I guess we can all come to anchor beneath its roof.

I was edified to hear about DER TAG. But herèss one from an "old hand". Throw an anchor to windward on that date business. Anne's was scheduled for July 5th or June 25th. Whereas Alexander Proudfit arrived C.O.D., f.o.b. and all the rest on JUNE 16TH. On the other hand, Mrs. Fred Davis, you remember the dark haired exotic lady who figured in the party with "Lady Grace", was scheduled for June 5th ; whereas, young Fred Davis, Jr. arrived Friday, June 29th.

Maybe your Canadians sooth-sayers have better dope than they have on this side. Courtland arrived pretty nearly on schedule, as you may recall. It was I who nearly missed the boat, after that stormy 5th of December. But you can't sometimes always tell, so keep your car full of gas, and don't let the battery run down. Get "Kelly-Springfields". By the way, there is a good thought for a ad for them. Couple rushing madly to hospital. Blow-out. Wife says: "there why in the world did you buy these cheap tires, "Kellys" would never have done this". I hereby give and assign you the rights on this "copy".

I think Anne had a pleasant little chat with Esther the other day anent a very interesting Edinburgh lady who is over here, with some "feminine concections". She makes nick-nacks for princesses and such like in Great Britain.

Give our very best to all. We often think of you. We will surely be happy to hear of the safe and happy advent of a Son to the Denton Masseys.

Yours as ever,



July 23rd 1928.

Friends, Romans, fellow-citizens,  
Bert, Ruth, Cleaves, Grammer, Frances,  
Grace, mercy and peace be unto you.  
Pax vobiscum.  
Greeting:

It are now eleven o'clock by the village clock (p.m.)  
and I drop down on this congenial instrument for a few remarks  
anent the doings of the village.

Working outward from this central point at which I sit,  
I would say:

First and in primis. The gang are well. Alex. to begin  
at the bottom and work up, is fine, gains eight ozs. weekly and is  
fairly bursting his skin. Courtland is his own stately self.  
Anne manages to hold her own, and Sonny is going about strenuously  
on his bike. Mrs. Payne went off this afternoon for a few days  
with her friends and relations over Rochester way. Last night the  
Bride and Groom, Esther and her Harry hove to anchor off our pier  
and we threw them a line. They went on this afternoon, taking the  
evening boat for Detroit, and then to Ann Arbor, where Harry will  
put the new wife into the kitchen and under the sink and start her  
in to fry eggs and various etceteries. MAYBE

Swinging out now to larger things. I saw in a cigar store  
a box of tobac and a pipe offered for fifty cents, and knowing that  
the baccy was worth fifteen cents, and figuring that I could not get  
stung much on the pipe anyway, I slowly made the purchase, and  
annexed quite a nice pipe.

My study is done so far as the shelves are concerned and I  
am having lots of fun carting books down there. A few at a time and  
I set them around and view the landscape o'er. One week ago Sunday  
I had a scout from an Erie Church in the audience, and yesterday  
another bird up from Elizabeth. He wired John Tagg if I were to  
be preaching. John passed the word along, urging that I spill egg  
on my front and otherwise make a mess of things. Well, I did not need  
to, the weather did that for me, not many were out, the day was  
muggy, Florence Symes played organ, did it very well, but the a.m.  
was rather a slop. Damp day. Preached in the evening at the Baptist  
Church with Brother Jef on the stage with me. Looked all around for  
the swimming pool but did not see it anywhere. Had a nice crowd,  
and gave a good talk !!! (ahem)

Now that you have patiently run through all this slush I  
will uncork a bit of laughter for you. We have sewed up the painting  
job to the queen's taste. Goltz, the Teutonic brother who is doing  
the painting job, came across with a bid on the chapel for 480  
pieces of eight, being \$480. It his first conversation with Charlies/  
evidently just the main big room had been discussed, so that was all  
that was included, but after another talk with Chas. he added all



the down-stair class rooms and made it two coats instead of three. He washes, patches the plaster and does a lot of things. The women were angels. We had a bunch of them down last week one day. I went around and had a visit with Jeannie Arnold and Mrs. Tit-bits and they were fine. All agreed it certainly ought to be done. Mrs. Arnold said: even if there was not money enough left, which she was sure there was, nevertheless the women ought by all means to go ahead. Rah, Rah Rah

So that's that. It is. Veni Vidi Vici. "Let us spray"

It will not matter about those up-stairs class rooms. They look fine with the new upson board. The primary walls were a bright nice yellow anyway. Harold Stin says that any time we can run over those rooms if we want to. Charlies is itching to go on and fix up that old chapel right, whatever he means by that.

Goltz is also going to do a couple of chairs over for us to be samples to show Gardner next Sunday.

Further: we have lined up the week-day chairs. Harold ran across a perfect peach of a thing, pressed steel legs and braces, satin finished seat and tablet arm, matches absolutely light, neat, smallest thing in the way of space consumed of all we have seen, delivered right in our room, a little high priced but Harold jewed them down twenty per cent. on price. Everyone is tickled pink with it. It is the stand chair passed by the National Posture Association, used in all the best junior high schools, regular a la Charlie Upson. He has not seen it by the way, but will like it. Harold and I got to-gether smoked a cigar and said that if we could get the agent bird to knock off one dollar each, we would take a flier. Darn it he did. Said it was a crime to do it, never had done such a thing, but Harold got him somehow. Took the data around to Niel Prudden who said we had a bargain and to step on it. They deliver the chairs knocked down and we set them up. Tell old Cap Cleaves there, that next year by heck we will not only train his soul but improve his posture, think pf it. Oh boy they are swell to sit on.

I am going to vote for Smith??? Economical Cal has saved money on me. Got a letter other day saying funds were not sufficient to send me down to Fort Niagara to graft the money of Uncle Sam. I am sore. I did not want to work, but did want the swag. Well, I guess my conscience will rest easier at that. I don't know what good it does anyone but me, to go.

We miss you like the dickens, but are glad to think you are having a great time, got the card from Poland. You can eat my fish for me. Rotary is terrible with Doug pres. Big noise, rah rah all the time. Panned the guys out like a school teacher, pretty tough. Well,

Yours Stew





Jimmie M. Sherry  
Age 6 months -

Robinson



1778 Wickford Rd  
Cleveland - Ohio  
July 24-1928

Dear Talks: —

Have been thinking of you all a lot lately. I wish I could run in & see you for a while. I am enclosing a snap of Jimmie & He is getting to be a "holy terror" into ~~the~~ every thing — you know how I'm sure. Climbs every thing & falls out of everything.

Eddie is out of town for a few days, down around Youngstown, Akron & Canton.

Whats this about Eva & Ark going to be married. My how I wish I could be there.

We enjoy Cleveland a lot but of course we can't run around like we used to in Lockport.

We have joined the Church here but as yet I'm not a very good member. Tried taking Jimmie a couple of times



but it didn't work so well.

We drove to Eddie's home in Southern Kansas again this year & we were there six weeks & had a lovely visit & Edwards Mother drove back with us & stayed for a few weeks.

We are having grand weather in Cleveland now & enjoy our big front porch a lot.

Drop us a line when you have time as we are always anxious to hear from you.

Best wishes to you all.

Sincerely  
Noeen



7/27/28

Dear Stu::

Your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup>  
brought much delight and  
entertainment - not say  
 hilarity - to the assembled  
multitude. It was read to  
the group and received with  
as much acclaim as one  
of your best sermons!

Good to get all the news  
and to learn that all the  
Robinsons, recent and other-  
wise, are in a state of  
healthy exuberance!

Fine about the chapel.  
That's great. Congratulations!  
Go as far as you like!  
I do think, though, that it  
would be a wise and judicious  
idea to finish the upstairs



rooms at the same time.  
This will compete the job  
and we want to have it all  
done if possible. It will be  
rather patchy up there you  
know and are afraid it  
won't look very good unless  
finished. And we do want  
to have attractive rooms for  
the young people. The cost  
ought to be very small  
and less now than if done  
some other time. The figure  
for doing the Chapel is so  
low too that it seems as  
though this other could be  
done also without making  
any real difference. Just  
see if you can't put it  
through.

I hope Gardner is in an  
expansive mood. Let him



go as far as he wants! Show him  
how attractive it can be made -  
give him a complete picture - and  
then let him envelop ~~be~~ it as far  
as he will.

Lead to him about the chairs.  
That's great. You certainly have  
things moving.

Be sure and keep egg on your  
coat and a butter on your tongue,  
where these scouts are around!  
We can't have any body getting in  
just now! All such are to be taken  
out and summarily executed!

I can't tell you what a wonderful  
time we are having up here.



The country is magnificent. ocean,  
bays, inlets, "reefs", so many islands  
there is hardly room for the water!  
Fishes, woods, mountains cluttering up  
the terrain! The scenery is magnif-  
icent - wherever we go - and we  
go in all directions. And golf  
courses not far distant. yesterday  
a superb trip to Mt. Desert and Bar  
Harbor. We are in an old farmer  
house, rather dilapidated and primitive,  
but very comfortable. Lots of food,  
and Kay, and never around us -  
and the bay in the near distance.  
Frank & son native Cobblers, some  
fishing & Coasting if you want it.



We are just lazing and loafing  
and enjoying life - and  
Eating - Oh Boy! I will  
be a man of some weight  
when I get back!

Uncle Sam is certainly  
treating you royally! Shame  
on him. But we must  
keep expenses down - and  
elect to leave!

In the family councils  
last night a Robby sug-  
gestion was made!

It is this - Robby, don't you  
run up here for a week  
with us? I have an extra  
bed and a place at the  
table and in the family  
circle. You could do it

Very easily. Leave Buffalo  
on the Cate night train -  
get in Boston next noon.  
Take Bangor boat of the  
Eastern S. S. Line at Boston  
about 5 P. M. - change at  
Rockland <sup>to another boat</sup> about 5 A. M. (this  
will suit you perfectly)  
and get to Bangorville  
in time for breakfast.  
You can get your ticket  
right there - and reservation  
in Lockport - your friend  
Jim or Miss Welch can  
tell you all about it.  
They did it for me.  
Why don't you do it -  
and come right away?  
This is serious. Every body



would love to have you and it  
would do you a lot of good.  
And it would give us a lot of  
pleasure. We'll take the travelling  
expenses out of the Session Fund!  
I have enough of it with me for that!  
So don't worry about that part of it.  
All you will need is your new  
fife (that's the reason for it, of course!)  
and a change of clothing! Also a  
hot bath before you come! Just  
wive that you will be here on a  
certain morning early in the coming  
week, and we'll meet you at the  
dock here in Fargate. That's all  
there is to it. So come along!

I am showing not only for  
myself but for every body here.  
Wish that you a Cat Cutter - here.  
Oo! Ras!

I'm sending this by special  
del. so that you will get it  
on Sunday.

With lots of love from every body  
here to you and the family.

Sincerely

Grand